THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) DTC has incurred a loss of Rs. 23.87 crores on its operation during the period from April '86 to October, 1986.

(b) DTC's fare-structure had been revised with effect from 8.2.86. The revision however meant only part neutralization of the differential between cost of operation and earnings. Measures have been initiated for higher productivity and reduction in per unit cost which include economy measures in the areas of maintenance operations and administration; the plugging of leakages in revenue through improved and intensive checking and introduction of incentive measures.

Passenger facilities provided by IA

1514. SHRI V. NARAYANSAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the facilities provided to the passengers in Indian Airlines flights including Catering services are very poor at various airports; and

(b) what steps Government have taken to improve the facilities and supply of quality food to the passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a and (b) It would be incorrect to say that the facilities provided to passengers including catering services in Indian Airlnes flights are poor. There may be some isolated complaints in this regard which are attended to. It is the constant endeavour of Indian Airlines to provide better facilities and good quality in flight caterng to passengers.

Opening of sports schools and colleges

1515. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up sports schools and sports colleges in various States to impart training to the sportsmen and women in the country; and

(b) if so, by when such a scheme is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) Although there is no scheme under the consideration of the Government of India for the setting up of sports schools and colleges in various States to impart training to the sportsmen and women as such in the country, some States have already set up Sports Schools and are supporting them. The Central Government has, however, in operation certain other schemes for spotting and nurturing of talent among students in the field of sports which are as under:

(i) The shcheme of Sports Authority of India of adoption of schools for sports training.

(ii) The National Coaching Scheme implemented by the Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports which operates 25 regional coaching centres in different States under the scheme.

(iii) The scheme of setting up of Sports Hostels in the country initiated by the Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports.

(iv) The scheme of Sports Talent Search scholarships of the Department implemented by the Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports and the Scheme of the National Sports Talent Contest of the SAI.

(v) The scheme of setting up of Field Stations of the Society for National Institutes of Physical Educaion and Sports (SNIPES) in universities implemented by the Netaji-Subhas National Institute of Sports.